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Mrs M. W. Chapman

Dear Friend:

Stimulated by the examples & compelled by the competition of the Standard, we of the Pa. Freeman - that is an Ex. Com: mittee - have in hand a measure, in which we desire your assistance, to increase the interest & usefulness of our paper. Our plan is - as you will see stated in tomorrow's Freeman - to have a regular <sup>or more</sup> correspondence in three or four, of the most important points of the Union, on whom we can rely to send us for the Freeman short & pithy letters on subjects that will be likely to interest our readers. We feel that something of this kind is necessary to keep from declining & keep advancing our subscription list. All our efforts this summer have been directed to the building up of the Standard's list. These efforts we do not mean to abandon - but we must not be unmindful of our own paper. We have succeeded

in engaging an able New York correspondent, as  
you will see by the paper. He has sent us  
his first letter. We do not publish his name  
but, in no it is Oliver Johnson. He  
is to write for us weekly, for a compensa-  
tion. Our plan is to get correspondents who  
will write gratuitously, but in his <sup>peculiar</sup> case we  
felt that it would not be right for us to  
ask him to write without pay. Can we not  
get four persons in Boston who will en-  
gage to furnish each once a month  
with a short letter - say from half a col-  
umn to a column, & who will be satis-  
fied with this opportunity of doing good as a  
compensation? This would give us, with  
very little trouble to any one, one letter  
every week from Boston. Would you not  
for me - desiring of all your cases & engage-  
ments - be willing ~~for me~~ to scrawl us once  
in four weeks a hasty letter such as I have  
described? You need take no pains - just  
rattle off with the freedom of private corre-  
spondence a brief letter on any <sup>incident or</sup> subject of  
local or general interest that may present  
itself to you. I need not tell you ~~the kind~~  
just what we want, as you know as well  
as I. - and after consenting yourself, will

Will you do us the favor to use your persuasions,  
~~you will do~~ if any thing more than an earnest  
request on our part should be needed, to induce  
three other of your friends to do the same? Say  
Mudell Phillips, Edmund Quincy - if he can find  
time, tho' I should hardly be would be able -  
Francis Jackson - who is a very good writer &  
ought to use his pen more - or your sister  
Anna W. Weston. I know this is asking a good  
deal of you, but your interest in the cause, &  
the good feeling you have always manifested  
toward our efforts here in Penn<sup>a</sup> warrants  
me in taking the liberty. Our Ex. Com. consist-  
ing as you know, of J. L. Holt, & M. Brew & S. Pugh,  
E. M. Davis, Robt Purvis & - as where insurance I  
write - would be much pleased if you & the friends  
named would come into our plan & consent to  
furnish us a letter as expressed. I shall not  
write as I had intended, to Mudell & the others  
asking them separately <sup>"be correspondents"</sup> to ~~write~~, but shall let  
this letter - if you will please to hand it to  
them - serve the purpose thus avoid the  
trouble & postage. Please let me hear from  
you as an early date. Perhaps you will  
will accompany a letter for our next pa-  
per. We go to Westport on Monday morn-  
ning & ought always to have, if practicable

all copy was from a distance by Sunday, —  
The regretted that no one from Boston was on  
at our place meeting. We had a good time  
as you have of course seen by the papers.

Your friend truly

J. M. McKim

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